Remarks

In the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2003, claims 1 to 23 and the drawings were objected to. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 have been amended. A Proposed New Drawing including FIGS. 19A and 19B has been submitted. Amendments to the Specification corresponding to the new FIGS. have been submitted. No new matter has been added by these new FIGS. and amendments. Reexamination and Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing a transverse extension and for not showing the cover in both the first and second positions, as recited in the claims. The claims have been amended to refer to a lower extension which is indicated in the drawings as element 122. New FIGS. 19A and 19B have been submitted illustrating the cover 14 mounted in both a first position where the lower extension closes off the first open end and in a second position where the lower extension closes off the second open end. These positions are clearly described in the Specification at page 8, beginning at line 26 and the Specification has been amended to refer to these new FIGS. No new matter has been added by these Amendments and new FIGS. Applicants submit that the Examiner's objections have been overcome and withdrawal of the objections is requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1 to 7 and suggested the insertion of -- of the cavity -- before "remains" in line 16 of claim 1. This amendment has been made.

Withdrawal of the objections to claims 1 to 7 is requested.

Specification Objections

The Examiner objected to the Specification as failing to provide antecedent basis for "a transverse extension" in claims 1, 8, 16 and 21, and "first and second parallel channels" in claim 8. The claims have been amended to recite "a lower extension" in place of "a transverse extension." Lower extension is fully supported by the

Specification. The claims have further been amended to recite "first and second parallel cavities" in place of "first and second parallel channels." The parallel cavities are fully supported by the Specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claims 1 to 23 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's recognition of the allowable subject matter. Applicants concur with the Examiner's reasons for allowance and further point out that the reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that these claims are allowable. Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Examiner are described and set forth in the Specification.

Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims and Specification and the proposed new FIGS. overcome the Examiner's objections and that claims 1 to 23 are in condition for immediate allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims in view of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment and Response or feels that a telephone interview will assist the examination of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative Alan Stewart at 612.371.5376.

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